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1. The Central Committee of the SED believes that the time is ripe for revolutionary action in Berlin. The position of the Western Powers is considered sufficiently undermined. It is assumed that the Western Powers would not take decisive action against Communist revolutionaries nor give necessary material support to anti-Communist forces among the Germans; that they would hold their troops in barracks and accept a fait accompli, explaining that they were yielding to the popular will.
2. The SED is considering a plan to overrun the city with strong bands of "popular democratic revolutionaries" on the pretext of demonstrations for unity in Berlin. The Western Sector police is not considered a serious obstacle. Bands would not occupy or blockade administrative offices in the Western Sectors.
3. Cadres of youths and Communist factory cells are being organized. The Russian Sector police have been reinforced with reliable factory workers on the pretext of additional personnel needed in connection with currency exchange. The Soviet Zone organizations also are to be called on for help.

4. [REDACTED] the campaign will begin the week of 27 June 1948.

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